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FSIS NOTICE

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POLITICAL ACTIVITY GUIDANCE REMINDER

On August 9, 2016, the USDA, Office of General Counsel and the Office of Ethics issued a memorandum to all USDA employees reminding them about limits of political activity under the Hatch Act in light of the election season moving into high gear. The memorandum is available at this link: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/48fd6361-d564-4ebd-9c37-8bea8e40a2d8/56-16-Hatch-Act-Guidance.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>

In addition to the restrictions found in the guidance, employees may not place a partisan political bumper sticker on any Government owned or Government leased vehicle. If you use your privately owned vehicle for official business (to attend meetings, etc.) you must cover any partisan political bumper sticker while the vehicle is being used for official duties. For example, FSIS employees who drive their privately owned vehicles as part of their official duties to visit official establishments, plants, and facilities are not to display material of a political nature on the vehicle.

Supervisors are to make copies of the memorandum and this notice available to employees who do not have access to a computer.



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